

FULTON FINANCIAL CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 24, 2006

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report: March 24, 2006

(Date of earliest event reported): March 21, 2006

**Commission File No. 0-10587**

**FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

Pennsylvania 23-2195389  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (IRS Employer Identification Number)  
One Penn Square

Lancaster, Pennsylvania 17602  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 717-291-2411

Former name or former address, if changed since last Report: N/A

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Pre-commencement to communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers.**

On March 21, 2006, Fulton Financial Corporation (the Company ) issued a press release announcing that John M. Bond, Jr. joined the Company s Board of Directors on March 21, 2006. Mr. Bond was elected to the Company s Board pursuant to the Agreement and Plan of Merger dated July 26, 2005, between Columbia Bancorp ( Columbia ) and the Company under which the Company acquired Columbia on February 1, 2006. Mr. Bond will serve on the Trust Committee of the Board. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 8.01. Other Events**

On March 21, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing the authorization to repurchase up to two million shares, or approximately 1.2 percent, of its outstanding stock through December 31, 2006 under a program approved today by its board of directors. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 to this Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 - Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press Release dated March 21, 2006
99.2	Press Release dated March 21, 2006

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 24, 2006

**FULTON FINANCIAL CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Charles J. Nugent

Charles J. Nugent

Senior Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer